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SUBJECT: ECLIPSE OF HAFEZ ISMAIL

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1. ON APRIL 4, 1973, HAFEZ ISMAIL WAS APPOINTED HEAD OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DEPT (RA'IS AL-DIWAN AL'GAMHURI- EFFECTIVELY CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE PRESIDENCY), IN ADDITION TO HIS POSITION AS ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. AHRAH'S FEB 19 EDITION NOW REPORTS THAT HASSAN KAMEL, GRAND CHAMBERLAIN, HAS BEEN NAMED "ACTING HEAD OF PRESIDENTIAL DEPARTMENT".

2. COMMENT: HASSAN KAMEL'S APPOINTMENT IS ANOTHER OF A SERIES OF STEPS TAKEN IN RECENT MONTHS DIVESTING HAFEZ ISMAIL OF HIS PAST FUNCTIONS AS SADAT'S CLOSEST ADVISOR FOR ALL MATTERS RELATING TO NATIONAL SECURITY, AND FOR THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL BUREAUCRACY. IT COMES AFTER A HIATUS OF ALMOST THREE WEEKS DURING WHICH HAFEZ HAS BEEN, FOR ALL PURPOSES, INVISIBLE. (FOR EXAMPLE, TV COVERAGE OF PEOPLES ASSEMBLY SESSION CALLED FEB 19 TO HONOR OCTOBER WAR HEROES FOCUSED ON HIGHEST PERSONALITIES OF GOE, BUT DID NOT SHOW HAFEZ ISMAIL AT ALL.) AT THIS POINT, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER HAFEZ WILL BE APPOINTED TO OTHER FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS THOSE OF AMBASSADOR, OR SIMPLY DISAPPEAR.

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